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An informal survey of colleges and universities was conducted in the Summer of 1967 to ascertain what positions they had taken with regard to the use of drugs by students. All of the institutions involved reported that they were aware of an urgent need to develop approaches for dealing with the problem, and were attempting to acquaint students with the problems involved in illegal drug use. Nine institutions had an established policy concerning the use of drugs, 10 were developing statements, and 14 did not yet have a policy. Those colleges and universities with policies had apparently assumed their positions because of the increasing use of drugs by students, community pressures, and concern for students involved in illicit drug use. Summarized, these policies state that: the university regards drug use as a serious problem and strives, through professional means, to bring the facts about drugs and their use to the attention of the campus community; students using drugs should seek aid from the Dean of Students or from the Student Health Center; the university will uphold state and federal laws with respect to drugs; and the possession, distribution, or sale of drugs could result in disciplinary action by the university. Abstracts of the 9 statements are presented, as well as a list of institutions that were either developing policies or had not yet established a position on drug use when this report was written. (WM)

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The information contained herein is a survey of institutional positions concerning the question of drug abuse gathered over the summer, 1967. As a result, the report does not reflect institutional policies assumed after September, 1967. The report has been made in abstract form for ease of presentation.

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During the Summer of 1967 the Office of the Dean of Students at the University of Southern California conducted an informal survey of institutional positions with respect to the use of drugs by students. Surveyed were twelve California state colleges, the University of California, five private California institutions, and twelve out-of-state colleges and universities, mostly in the West.

Of these, nine institutions had established a policy or regulation concerning the use of drugs, ten others were in the process of developing a statement while the remaining fourteen did not at that time have a policy.

Colleges and universities with policies or regulations on drugs seemingly have assumed their positions because of mounting student use, community pressures, and an increasing concern for the student who is involved in illicit drug use. Briefly stated the justification for the establishment of a drug policy assumes that the widespread illegal use of drugs by college students cannot be ignored by those who are concerned about the educational development of young men and women nor can it be condoned. Because of varying professional and legal attitudes, and a wide range in degree and circumstance of involvement the college also realizes that it will be neither feasible nor fair to deal uniformly with all cases of drug use which come to its attention. Yet it may have to take some type of official action with respect to the students who are discovered to be involved. Of the thirty-one reporting colleges and universities, all expressed a concern for the urgency of developing approaches and practices for dealing with the problem.

Common Practices

The following list of statements would seem to summarize current institutional policies and practices:

a. The university regards the use of drugs as a serious problem.

b. The university through various professional means strives to bring the facts concerning drugs and their uses to the attention of the campus community.

c. Students involved in the use of drugs are urged to seek assistance from the Dean of Students or the Student Health Center.

d. The university will uphold the laws of the State and the United States with respect to drugs.

e. The possession, distribution or sale of drugs may subject the student to disciplinary action by the university.

Drug Policies and Regulations (Abstracted)

University of California

Resolution of the Regents of the University of California:

> ".....the students shall be subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal from the university, for the use, distribution or possession of unlawful, dangerous drugs and narcotics, such as lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), marijuana and others".

Those university branches contacted--University of California, Berkeley; University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, Riverside; and University of California, Santa Barbara--had not yet formulated a campus policy within the established Regents' resolution.

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

The College will take disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, against any student proved to be involved in the use or distribution of illegal drugs. (It is the belief of the administration that the student involved in narcotics is aware that he is breaking the law and should withdraw from the College to make room for those prepared to take advantage of the opportunity to obtain a college education.)

Lewis and Clark, Portland, Oregon

The possession or use of illegal drugs on campus, in a college controlled building off the campus, or at any college function, will subject the student to disciplinary action. Conduct detrimental to the student or the College resulting from the use of drugs may result in the expulsion of the student. Students concerned about drugs are urged to confer with their Health Service, Chaplain, or members of the counseling staff and the conferences will be held in strictest confidence.

Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

Oregon State University upholds all federal, state and local laws governing the use, possession, and sale of drugs. Violation of any of these ordinances may result in disciplinary probation or suspension of the student involved.

Pomona College, Claremont, California

The College cannot condone the use of drugs and may have to take official action against students involved in their use. Evidence of continued use of drugs or involvement in the sale of drugs would place a student liable to serious disciplinary action such as suspension or expulsion. (They hope to have wide discussion and distribution of information concerning narcotics on their campus.)

San Diego State College, San Diego, California

The College regards the use of drugs as a serious problem and continually strives to bring the facts concerning drugs and their usage to the attention of their

students. The Director of Housing will remove immediately from campus residence halls any student found with illegal drugs in his possession. The College will report any violation of drug possession or usage to the legal authorities and will take no further disciplinary action until the student's case is settled in court. If the student is found guilty by the court, the College may or may not take action involving disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion.

Washington State University, Pullman, Washington

Students are expected to conduct themselves with due respect to law, order, morality, the rights of others and the university's reputation. Therefore, any student found guilty of using, possessing, or purveying illegal drugs will be subject to university disciplinary action. The student would be requested to confer with the Dean of Men or Women who would either issue a warning, place the student on probation with or without restrictions, or refer him to the University Discipline Committee.

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

Student involvement in the use, possession, distribution or sale of narcotics may subject the student to disciplinary action by the University. Such disciplinary action may range from a warning to expulsion and may be taken independently from any action taken by civil authorities. A student involved in narcotics is urged to seek assistance from the Dean of Students or the Student Health Department.

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

Student involvement in the use, possession, distribution, or sale of illegal drugs or narcotics, including marijuana and LSD, is a matter of deep University concern and may subject the student so involved to disciplinary action by the University, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

University action may be taken whether a particular violation occurs on or off campus and whether or not independent action is taken by civil authorities. Conviction in a criminal court does not necessarily preclude University concern or action.

In view of the University's interest in the educational welfare of the student, primary concern is given to remedial measures, using the full counseling and medical resources of the University to assist the student to meet constructively whatever problems led to his involvement with drugs or resulted from it. Every student concerned about problems resulting from his use of illegal and dangerous drugs is encouraged to seek help from the Student Health Service which will treat such voluntary relationships as confidential and not subject him to disciplinary action.

No Policies As Yet

At the time of reporting the following colleges and universities either: a) had not yet established a policy on drugs, or b) are in the process of developing a policy statement. All of the institutions surveyed reported that they are endeavoring to acquaint students with the nature of the problems involved in the illegal case of drugs. It is quite possible that many or most will have developed a position or statement by the time this report is being written.

California State College, Los Angeles (a)

California State Polytechnic College (a)

Chico State College (a)

Claremont Men's College (a)

Fresno State College (a)

Humboldt State College (a)

Long Beach State College (a)

Occidental College (a)

University of Oregon (a)

Portland State College (a)

Sacramento State College (a)

San Fernando Valley State College (a)

San Francisco State College (a)

San Jose State College (a)

California State College, Fullerton (b)

Colorado State University (b)

Harvey Mudd College (b)

University of New Mexico (b)

Stanford University (b)

University of Washington (b)